Handling Facilities at Ports

1459. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are ports in the country with berths to handle vessels of 50,000 MT and above;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the average discharge rates actually achieved in each; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to develop and construct more such berths in existing and new Ports equipped with commensurate discharge and handling facilities?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are facilities to handle Crude Oil and Dry Bulk Cargo like, Iron ore and Coal which are handled in the parcel sizes of 50,000 MT and above.

(b) These facilities are available at Madras, Visakhapatnam, Mormugao and Haldia Ports. The average discharge rates achieved for above bulk cargo at these Ports is given below :

(In tonnes)

Port	Dry Bulk Cargo	Liquid Cargo
Madras	5250	14309
Visakhapatnam	5449	13460
Mormugao	9562	7539
Haldia	3945	14076

(c) In the IXth Five Year Plan, the Government has planned to develop and construct more such berths in the existing and new Ports.

Birth Centenary of Netaji

1460. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to observe the birth centenary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 23rd January, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any programme and other activities have been chalked out by the National Committee in its meeting; and

(d) if so, the details of programmes/activities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The Government of India has constituted a National Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and a Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development to celebrate the Birth Centenary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The year-long celebration would begin on 23rd January, 1997 with an inaugural function at Red Fort in Delhi. A commemorative stamp and a commemorative coin are also proposed to be released.

State Council of Vocational Education

1461. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the States have not yet set up the State Council of Vocational Education (SCVE);

(b) if so, the names of the States and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure proper implementation of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education Scheme in the absence of SCVE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) So far 21 States/UTs have set up State Council of Vocational Education (SCVE).

(b) and (c). The States of Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Pondicherry and Lakshadweep have not set up their State Councils of Vocational Education (SCVE).

To ensure proper implementation of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education Scheme, State Governments/UTs have been advised, time and again, to inter-alia, setrengthen the management structure at various levels, induct experts to infuse professionalism in the programme, introduce need based courses, and to strengthen linkages with the industry for on-the-job and apprenticeship training.

Class Bunking Done

1462. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times under the caption "Class Bunking Dons" from September 5, 1996 onwards in a row;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.